

**PARISH OF CALCASIEU,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Calcasieu is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	89,635	2,683,516
1960	145,475	3,257,022
1970	145,415	3,644,637
1980	167,223	4,205,900
1990	168,134	4,219,973
1991	169,644	4,251,560
1992	171,353	4,287,195
1993	172,611	4,295,477
1994	173,954	4,315,085
1995	175,364	4,339,352
1996	177,910	4,350,579
1997	178,654	4,351,769
1998	181,799	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Calcasieu are as follows:

YEAR	DEQUINCY	IOWA	LAKE CHARLES	SULPHUR	VINTON	WESTLAKE
1960	3,928	1,857	63,392	11,429	2,987	3,311
1970	3,448	1,944	77,998	14,959	3,454	4,082
1980	3,966	2,437	75,226	19,709	3,631	5,246
1990	3,474	2,588	70,580	20,125	3,154	5,007
1991	3,461	2,641	70,808	20,296	3,213	5,007
1992	3,470	2,607	70,622	20,703	3,216	5,007
1993	3,498	2,626	71,705	20,552	3,329	5,028
1994	3,520	2,661	72,112	21,001	3,218	5,067
1995	3,529	2,710	73,945	21,722	3,307	5,091
1996	3,514	2,753	73,742	21,082	3,360	5,065
1997	3,532	2,852	75,424	21,280	3,390	5,104
1998	3,532	2,861	75,753	21,445	3,329	5,124

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$14,322	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$15,408	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$16,002	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$17,188	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$18,336	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$19,109	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$19,906	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$20,901	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Calcasieu Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$1,189,504	\$328,298	\$96,044	\$203,292	\$39,975	\$224,198
1992	\$1,245,685	\$311,147	\$106,973	\$239,544	\$54,742	\$224,664
1993	\$1,276,676	\$304,044	\$109,094	\$247,429	\$55,570	\$246,111
1994	\$1,587,847	\$277,022	\$131,458	\$292,804	\$51,059	\$423,952
1995	\$1,639,465	\$273,022	\$128,146	\$308,624	\$51,767	\$445,150
1996	\$1,596,498	\$250,749	\$129,425	\$301,489	\$52,536	\$441,863
1997	\$1,824,560	\$252,231	\$139,043	\$318,090	\$63,563	\$430,691

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Calcasieu as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
CALCASIEU PARISH	2.25		2.25	4	6.25
UNINCORPORATED AREAS	4.75		4.75	4	8.75
DEQUINCY	2.25	2.5	4.75	4	8.75
IOWA	2.25	2.5	4.75	4	8.75
LAKE CHARLES	2.25	2.25	4.5	4	8.5
SULPHUR	2.25	2.5	4.75	4	8.75
VINTON	2.25	2.5	4.75	4	8.75
WESTLAKE	2.25	2.5	4.75	4	8.75

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

(In Thousands)

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$231,753	\$182,384	\$170,211	\$221,087	\$208,481
February	\$180,510	\$126,483	\$245,641	\$184,857	\$161,534
March	\$158,192	\$131,825	\$170,211	\$158,596	\$178,712
April	\$204,693	\$161,641	\$203,035	\$183,991	\$213,937
May	\$195,581	\$146,193	\$171,978	\$169,039	\$183,881
June	\$203,712	\$158,066	\$204,457	\$157,321	\$170,884
July	\$203,019	\$176,189	\$188,145	\$191,391	\$214,669
August	\$187,886	\$157,400	\$203,532	\$175,255	\$176,622
September	\$198,098	\$168,538	\$177,047	\$169,419	\$171,931
October	\$222,301	\$184,320	\$196,628	\$189,143	\$178,283
November	\$189,916	\$214,602	\$149,614	\$182,380	\$185,559
December	\$191,626	\$196,401	\$221,087	\$164,602	\$170,773
Annual Total	\$2,367,288	\$2,004,041	\$2,301,586	\$2,147,082	\$2,215,267

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Calcasieu is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$485,409,990	\$169,182,600	\$654,592,590
1991	\$522,472,170	\$243,488,350	\$765,960,520
1992	\$521,196,430	\$172,720,780	\$693,917,210
1993	\$574,658,130	\$175,404,470	\$750,062,600
1994	\$622,108,820	\$178,819,520	\$800,928,340
1995	\$607,266,140	\$205,716,280	\$812,982,420
1996	\$707,140,280	\$210,388,590	\$917,528,870
1997	\$728,362,470	\$214,163,700	\$942,526,170
1998	\$746,985,130	\$218,476,830	\$965,461,960

Source: Calcasieu Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$434,103,500	\$128,270,320	\$92,218,770
1991	\$543,626,960	\$129,838,010	\$92,495,550
1992	\$464,733,760	\$137,442,230	\$91,741,220
1993	\$472,696,350	\$146,275,310	\$131,090,940
1994	\$511,350,000	\$157,665,320	\$131,913,020
1995	\$513,014,020	\$166,805,190	\$133,163,210
1996	\$588,521,700	\$197,252,440	\$131,754,730
1997	\$589,672,070	\$218,986,430	\$133,867,670
1998	\$609,176,910	\$218,478,000	\$137,807,050

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Calcasieu follows:

Year	Millage
1990	58.80
1991	58.50
1992	62.67
1993	64.37
1994	66.35
1995	67.24
1996	66.51
1997	66.36
1998	66.81

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Calcasieu Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Calcasieu in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. ENTERGY GULF STATES INC.	\$62,577,370
2. CONOCO INC	\$43,757,330
3. PPG INDUSTRIES INC	\$36,457,410
4. CONDEA VISTA COMPANY	\$20,898,110
5. CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION	\$19,216,110
6. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION	\$18,606,740
7. MONTELL USA INC.	\$13,671,500
8. ARCO CHEMICAL CO.	\$12,409,410
9. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$9,176,220
10. PLAYERS LAKE CHARLES INC.	\$7,932,100

Source: Calcasieu Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Calcasieu Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	31,594	29,488	31,192	30,996
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	33,688	31,634	33,297	33,164
PUBLIC	33,222	33,805	33,608	33,534

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Calcasieu Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$25,419	\$25,299	\$29,410	\$30,619
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,165	\$4,487	\$5,296	\$5,090
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$10,409,709	\$11,221,974	\$11,671,449	\$25,567,356
DEBT SERVICE	\$12,947,027	\$14,740,097	\$14,543,781	\$13,293,281
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$140,305,493	\$152,485,207	\$162,044,531	\$170,851,990

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.